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Dear Mr. Albree,

Oddly, your first letter arrived a day after your second.

I wish I had time for adequate answer. I do try and answer all and now spend about four hours a day doing nothing else. This is the cause of a considerable reduction in my work, but the letters I get mean so much and are so helpful, I just must answer.

I'd like very much to see your correspondence with Rankin (he never answered me) and what you then wrote.

When you talk about how good you were with a bolt-action rifle yet could not have duplicated this feat, what if you had then used such a poorly designed and made weapon as this Mannlicher-Carceno instead of the good weapon you used?

The motorcycle was five minutes late, not 30. But it could have gone straight down Main without the turn (map in WHITEWASH from that morning's paper) into Elm and a) have made an illegal but perfectly possible turn into Stemmons Freeway or b) gone straight to Industrial Blvd, which may have been a better route anyway. I further believe that had the Secret Service escort been concerned about being five minutes late they would have improvised. I do not for one minute think any of these men of such demonstrated brave character were in any way a part of a plot to kill the President.

The answers to the other questions you asked are in my books and I cannot go into lengthy explanations of them now. But there were five and not two fragments found inside the car, on two different searches the first of which was a half day after the assassination and the second the next day.

You will find that I treat the possibility of shots from the grassy knoll other than Lane did, including developing evidence that reloaded ammunition was plentiful in Dallas. This was WW 1 stuff, none made since then.

When you read my books you will find that I believe of those criticizing say the best evidence is that Oswald shot nobody, not Connally, either.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg